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Engineers Sink Varsity Referendum

A resounding 'no' from engineering students turned the tide in a close vote in *The Varsity's* fee referendum on Nov 5.

The final result, 1019 – 952 against, was to a great extent swayed by engineers, who turned out in force to reject *the Varsity's* request for an additional $1.50 from each U of T student to supplement the $1.25 fee already in place. The fee levy increase was to be used to publish a third *Varsity* every week.

Engineers voted 186 – 31 against the referendum (85.7%), easily greatest negative response campus-wide. *Varsity* 'Yes' supporters were quick to attribute their defeat on the Engineering response, as the 155 plurality represented the difference between a narrow victory and a narrow defeat.

Varsity Editor Marg Webb expressed surprise at the referendum loss as well as the massive 'No' vote in Engineering. "I don't understand the backlash of Engineering towards *the Varsity*," she said. "If we're not pleasing engineers, then I think they should have had the guts to say so to us [before the referendum]."

Marg Webb Varsity Editor

Webb suggested that the vote in Engineering was an uninformed one. "We think we've done a good job this year in covering the engineering faculty," she said. "We've tried to show that we're a new *Varsity*, a different *Varsity* from the past. But it seems we were voted down on the record of the old *Varsity*, by people who haven't even read this year's paper. It's very frustrating."

Webb added that a low campus-wide turnout contributed to the defeat. "I'm not blaming it solely on engineers. What really beat us was student apathy. And that's really far more disappointing to us than the engineering vote. We care a lot about U of T."

Webb expressed anger at the tactics used by 'No' supporters to defeat the referendum. "I don't think the 'No' campaign was the least bit fair," she said. "They came out with false and slanderous posters."

Tony Kasper, Professional Faculty Representative on the Varsity Board of Directors, also expressed disgust with the 'No' supporters. "It was a very slimy campaign," he said. "The $43,000 Beer Bash poster was really ridiculous. They weren't interested in playing fair at all, but only *Varsity* -bashing. It's a lousy way to lose."

The large engineering contingent that turned out to vote 'No' was especially surprising to *Varsity* staffers, as the Eng Soc Executive had published their support for the referendum in Nov 4th's *Varsity*. Eng Soc President Luis Alegre explained that the Executive "felt that they [*the Varsity*] were acting in the best interests of our students. We thought that a third *Varsity* a week would provide more coverage and more current news, which would be better for the membership. Obviously, engineering students disagreed. I guess the average engineer was just not pleased with the *Varsity* editorial policy. It seems the students have expressed non-confidence in the Varg."

David Eddie, Associate Editor of *the newspaper*, expressed disappointment at the 'bad blood' that had passed between the two papers during the referendum campaign. "It's unfortunate," he said, "because before this, relations between us were really good, as good as they've ever been. I just hope we can set this aside and get back to our real job: publishing newspapers."

It remains to be seen whether *the Varsity* and *the newspaper* will be able to return to their previous state of good relations, or whether the animosity they share will carry on into subsequent years.

Ella Takes the Cake — *VP Activities Kim Hollings helps outgoing Eng Soc Secretary Ella Lund-Thomsen cut the cake at Ella's Farewell Party held on Oct. 11.*

84/85 Convocation Survey Published

1 in 3 Engineers Unemployed

A recent survey published by the Career Centre indicates that fully one third of all 8T5 graduating engineers seeking employment were jobless at the time of last year's convocation. It goes further to say that only 45% of those engineers looking for employment obtained a permanent position, the rest finding summer, part-time, or temporary jobs.

A full 21% of the graduating engineers decided not to actively seek employment, instead opting to continue their education.

Rivi Frankle, the director of the Career Centre noted that "these results show a marked improvement over results of a similar survey for the 8T4 grads" citing an unemployment rate of 38.7% for those searching for employment for that year.

Frankle added that "the unemployment rate for graduate engineers is very closely tied to the economy" and that "there has been a steady improvement in the job market since 1983".

"It's difficult to say what will happen this year [with regard to employment] but it looks like the trend [for more jobs] will continue. We've had a good response from companies so far, but it's too early to give an accurate forecast for this year's unemployment rate."

Figures from the survey suggest that approximately one in four engineering grads looking for work will remain jobless at convocation.

Frankle said that these figures, while unofficial, are "approximate but should be reasonably accurate if the present trend holds."

She added that "one of the factors contributing to the unemployment rate among

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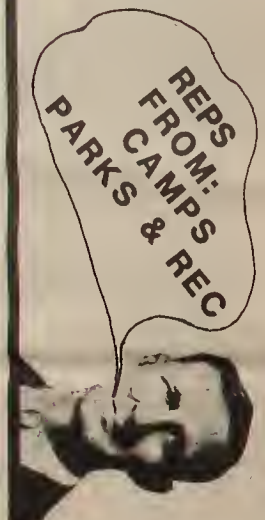

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To finish the fall season, our Stage Band will perform in Convocation Hall on November 29, with yours truly at the mighty organ, just to inject some Christmas spirit of a more conventional nature. Bring your lunch and some friends to Convocation Hall at 12:15, Nov. 29. Support our Stage Band and sing along. Who knows, you might discover a talent you didn't know you had, like when I took up organ playing.

Malcolm McGrath
Alumni Liason

Have you noticed any of your classmates looking especially dapper recently? It is fascinating to see the change that occurs on the day of the job interview. (Even saw Franco in a blue pin-stripe — WOW!) If you are really anxious to impress, why not avail yourself of a Skule tie? The business community in Toronto still appreciates seeing someone who believes in the old-boy network, and what better way to show that you belong than wearing a Skule tie? We even have ascots and strings for women. Get them at the Engineering stores for only $12.50 — a bargain.

Survey

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engineers seems to be an apparent lack of interest in the job search."

Nancy Okada, Coordinator of Permanent Employment at the Career Centre agrees that this attitude is "surprising".

"Recruitment activity is definitely at its peak in the fall. If students are under the impression that they can wait until the new year to start their job search, they might want to reconsider." Okada suggested, however, that students not be discouraged.

She added that "employment opportunities are still relatively scarce" and that "it makes sense to be devoting time to finding a job."

Frankle said that the jobless rate among graduating engineers could be improved significantly, if students took more time in the job search. "We [at the Career Centre] need more student participation. The onus is still on the student to find a job. All we can do is lend a hand. It's really up to them."

President's Message

In the past it has been rather difficult to promote events, or to get any messages across to the near 3000 undergraduates. In theory, our present system of communications is very good. We have mailboxes for each representative, and any important events are published in the Tiny Toike. The ideal situation would be that every representative make these announcements to a fully attentive audience. From having observed people's awareness, it does not seem that this is in fact occuring. The problem is, that you and I as undergraduate engineers are not being informed. Part of our training is to be analytical, however when we lack information to analyse, we cannot make an informed choice. The majority of your officers met with your reps to discuss this, and to encourage them to discover the benefits that the N. Soc can provide. I find it encouraging that so many new people have taken advantage of this and have "taken the bull by the horns" and have become involved. Now as undergraduates, you must also show your interest in your representative. When he or she come to your class to make announcements, make them feel that you are interested. Throw some paper or give them a sign that you do in fact know that they are there. In fact a good thing to do is to make your rep feel noticed. The only effect that this could have is a positive one for the whole class. The purpose of an N Soc rep is to keep your class informed by making all the announcements, and attending the meetings. This brings me to the next point . The N Soc meetings are the core of this corporation. It is here that decisions involving $100,000 in revenues is decided. This is equivalent to about $40 per person. If you are like me and do not wish to waste money, make sure that your reps are at these meetings to represent and inform you. One thing about the N. Soc. is that it is a great learning experience, and above all it is a lot of fun.

If anyone has any comments or suggestions that they would like to pass on to me, I have scheduled office hours every week that I will leave open. They are Tuesday through Thursday from noon to 1 pm. Oh and by the way, discussions with me do not have to be related to N Soc stuff. If you have any concerns of virtually any sort drop on by.

Luis Alegre, President
Engineering Society

Chessell Welcomed — *From left to right: Career Centre Director Rivi Frankle, Dean Gordon Slemon, New Employment Coordinator Tom Chessell, Eng Soc Prez Luis Alegre*

Hear ye - Hear ye - Hear ye! Once again the Engineering Alumni Association is sponsoring lunch hour concerts in the Sandford Fleming Atrium at 12:30 pm. Mark the following date on your calender

Nov. 27 A.Y. Jackson Stage Band

Eng Soc Roundup

By Jeremy Bateson

The Eng Soc was relatively quiet this past month as the dark curtain of midterms descended on everyone. Nevertheless, there are a few events worth reporting.

Homecoming '85 was grat fun. This year's Grand Marshall was our own Bob Seeman. Congratulations should go to Wayne McPhee for our great float which would have won for sure if we hadn't been disqualified. Oh well, at least everyone looked good in their green tights.

Closer to home, there were several changes around the Eng Soc offices. Someone played a Halloween trick on the LGMB by cleaning up the band room. Everyone was shocked and confused when they saw how clean the room was. In addition, Dan "Bambi" MacKinnon used his superior Mechanical Engineering skills to repair the Eng Soc's broken couch. Thanks Bambi, we all love you.

Now that I've run out of things to remenisce about, I'll tell you about what's coming up. On Friday Nov 29th, we will be holding the annual Eng Soc Christmas party. Right after that, the Skule Stage Band will present a Christmas concert. Everyone is invited, so keep an eye out for more details.

Now that we've survived midterms, we can all look forward to a quiet November as we wait for exam time.

LAST BASH

BEFORE

THE CRASH

at
D.J.'s Tavern

Sat. Nov. 30
8:00pm

Come out and rebuild your energy before finals!!

editorials

A Powerful Voice

It's all our fault. It wasn't Law's or Vic's or St. Mike's or even, heaven forbid, Innis' fault. No, it was our fault. We were to blame. We were the lowly ones that brought *the Varsity* to its knees.

Or so we would be led to believe, if we were to take Thursday Nov 7th's *Varsity* seriously. It's almost laughable that our humble Faculty could be expected to — all by itself — hold the entire University of Toronto student voice ransom.

And are we also to believe that all 186 'No' votes in Engineering were cast by simple-minded automatons, under the sinister influence of the feared and mistrusted political machine that is "Dave Stubbings friends"?

And what of the manipulative 'No' posters, so fraught with "cowardice and lies"? *The Varsity* would suggest that we, indeed all U of T students were duped by those tantilizing missives. (Certainly, those of us at *the Cannon* found the $43,000 Beer Bash ads particularly persuasive).

Was the Engineering vote for *the Varsity* referendum as uninformed as we are led to believe? Do we, as a Faculty, have a common trait that forces us to despise institutions such as *the Varsity* ?

Well, we would say no. We would say that the Engineering vote was as responsible as that of any other faculty or college on this campus. It's insulting for the Varsity to automatically assume that our vote was "uninformed" merely because we voted overwhelmingly against their referendum. (Was University College's 120-36 in favour result more informed?)

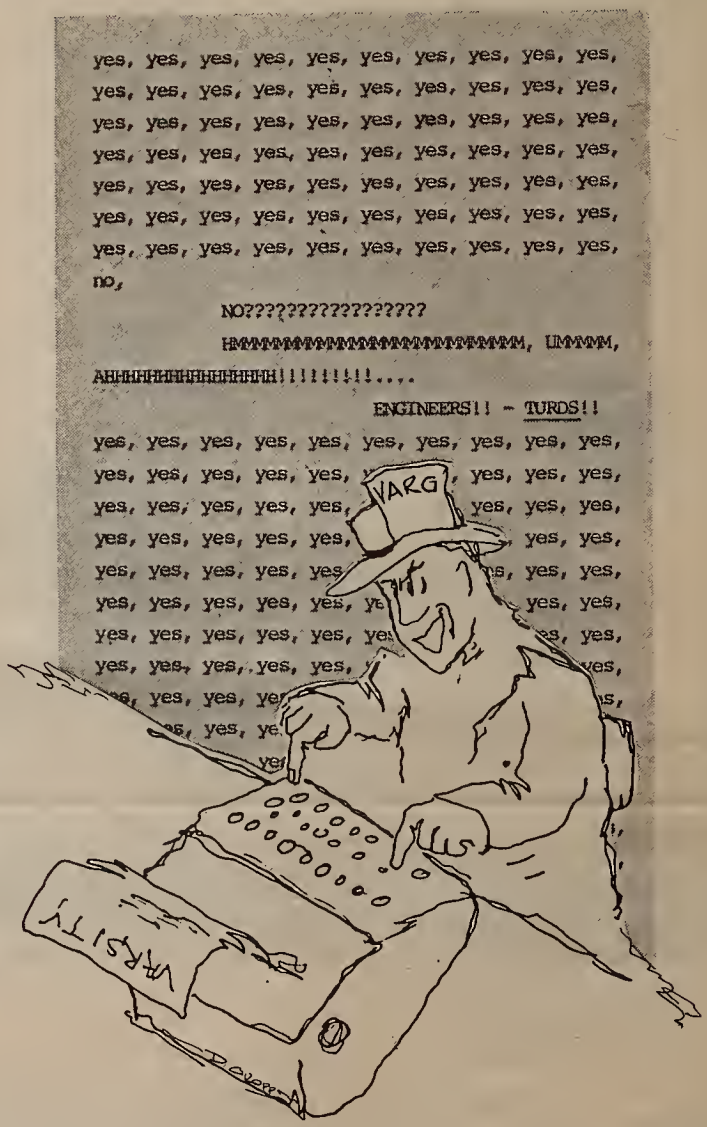
However, *the Varsity's* frustrated attack on engineers does raise an important question about votes of this sort. While we know that our decision was as informed as any other group's at U of T, we might ask ourselves whether it was as informed as it ideally could be.

How many of us who voted really considered what was at stake? (For that matter, how many of us voted?) How many voters had taken the time to evaluate the various arguments for and against the referendum?

A situation such as *the Varsity* referendum should serve to open our eyes to the power we wield in votes of this sort. By virtue of the size and spirit of our Faculty, we can, when we speak with one voice, sway an election's outcome. This is the political power of engineering.

Most engineers would have us believe that they are above the influence of politics. They don't care. They believe that they have safely distanced themselves from the pettiness of it all with their rough'n ready image intact. This is a very narrow view and, sadly, it is all too prevalent among students today. Of course, it's easier to sit back and say "to hell with it, I'm above all that, it's got nothing to do with me." It's easier to let campus events slip by unnoticed and to ignore how campus politicians and journalists are spending your money. But, in the end, such an attitude is self-defeating. For when election time approaches, the unaware student is left vulnerable to outside influence, influence that may lead the student to vote contrary to his or her own best interest, or Engineering's best interest.

Since Engineering has a history of strong turnouts, we bear a heavy burden of responsibility in deciding where to guide our support. Indeed, it is our duty to be better informed than the average U of T student. When we have achieved this, then can we consider ourselves utterly secure from accusations such as *the Varsity's*.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The Yes Man

letters

Ella Wronged

I was very disappointed in the article which appeared in the Oct 9 *Cannon* regarding Ella's departure from her position as Eng Soc Secretary. Luis Alegre's comments showed very little tact or appreciation of Ella. As well, I was surprised at your lack of sensitivity shown by printing Luis' very insulting comments. I feel that on her last day Ella should have been given a tribute not a slap in the face.

I would like to comment on a few points made in the article with the hope that people will be aware that there are many facets to and a great deal of responsibility involved with the position.

Although, theoretically, a secretary types and answers the phone, it takes someone special to put as much into the job as Ella did. She did much more for the Society than type and answer the phone. Who was paying the bills, keeping the financial records, making bank deposits, ordering supplies, repairing the photocopier and countless other jobs? It certainly wasn't little elves who came in after everyone else had left!

A large part of Ella's job was public relations. Hundreds of students pass through the Eng Soc every day, looking for information, assistance or tickets to events. Every one of them would go to Ella, some politely, others rudely, looking for help. As well, the various committees and clubs also make demands on her. It requires a great deal of tact and patience to deal with all of these people daily. Anyone who has been in the office over the past month can clearly see that there is something missing. That something is the personality which Ella gave to the office.

As for understanding the financial operations of the corporation, I believe Ella had a firm grasp on the finances. It

opinion

Bob Seeman

Students Drowning In Paper

What commodity does U of T have more of than any other university in the Commonwealth? Why are Canada's forests being depleted at such a rapid rate? How come there are no doormats to be found at U of T? And why do so many U of T students have black ink stains on their fingers? The answer to these four probing and astute questions is the astounding fact that there are in excess of 15 student newspapers on this great campus of ours. Taking into account their respective publication frequencies and circulations, that's a grand total of over 17 million papers a year! Looking at it another way, it's 400 papers for each and every poor illiterate undergraduate student attending this fine institution of higher learning. Assuming each paper requires one half hour to peruse in its entirety, every student must take a minimum of two solid weeks from his busy 35 week academic year just to read the damn papers!

Now I don't know about you, but I just don't have that kind of time to wade through the mire that is student journalism. I want to find out what has happened, is happening and will happen at my university, and do so without exhausting all my leisure time. After all, this information is only good to me if I have some time with which to go out and use it. Every day and night of the week there is something exciting occuring on campus: plays, concerts, sports, pubs, exhibitions, films, and even special topical lectures and seminars. The list is endless and the variety immense. But I don't want to have to read 15 different papers every week to find out what is happening. I want it all in one paper, neatly presented and impartially reviewed. I want it to be the *Now* magazine of the campus. What do you think?

After seeing the results of *theVarsity* referendum, I think you want this entertainment based student paper too. It's obvious that you sure don't want more of *The Varsity* . You defeated *the Varsity* fee increase, not because of any "slimy" NO campaign, but because "THE VARSITY SUCKS"! You felt *The Varsity* was preoccupied with reporting the not so good side of your university (underfunding, football attendance, underfunding, campus police, underfunding, political bickering and . . . oh yes, underfunding). Few, if any of us want to read that garbage over and over again. The writers at *The Varsity* are writing articles that they want to write, articles that they feel will make them a better writer. It seems as if they don't care if anybody reads them or not. Why don't they go out and cover what we students are dying to know about; the multifarious activities that abound on campus (homecoming, Orientation, Hart House and college events)?

The problem the students have with *The Varsity* is not how well it covers stories, but rather what it covers. "We want a change!" is the message that the students have sent in defeating the Varsity fee referendum. If this message is received, understood and acted upon by the Varsity staff, this apparent defeat for *The Varsity* will be transformed into a victory for all.

Tony Kasper
At Eng Soc

Varsity No Campaign Slimy

"I know it when I see it."

Stewart Potter, as Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, gave that statement as his definition of pornography. The same definition can apply to slimy political campaigns. You only had to see the recent Varsity No campaign to know that it was slimy.

The first No poster that went up (about a week before the referendum) essentially said: "We voted No last time, so let's vote No this time". Today *the Varsity* is a better paper and it is fiscally responsible. However, the old image of *the Varsity* is still around and the easy way for anybody who wants to trash *the Varsity* is to dredge up the obsolete of *the Varsity* of years ago. If the No side was interested in running a scrupulous campaign, they would have based this poster on this year's issues, not issues of two years ago. Back then, I too was dissatisfied with *the Varsity* and voted No. Since then, *the Varsity* has improved in all areas, and this year I was on the Yes side.

The other No posters were quite misleading, which explains why they were put up only the day before the referendum, i.e., before they could be responded to.

One claim was that a Yes vote would result in a $43,000 Varsity "party at your expense". The poster gave the example of a deficit of $36,000 which was incurred before the last Varsity referendum, and then it was claimed that "things haven't changed".

Well, I hate to bring the bad news (bad, that is, if you are looking for excuses to bash the Varsity for your own political purposes) but things have changed. The 83/84 budget showed that the deficit was reduced to $4,000 (i.e., $11,000 less than last year's Eng Soc deficit). The 84/85 budget projects a surplus, although this has yet to be confirmed by audit.

The deficit reffered to in the audit was a loss of $36,000 in two years. The years that this applies to are 81/82 and 82/83. The fact that the No side is going back to 1981, shows that they have no case on fiscal responsibility. If you don't think dredging up horror stories that happened while we were still in high school is slimy, then what is?

They managed to make the only valid argument on their posters as slimy as the misleading stuff. The valid point was that the audit would, in violation of the by-laws, appear on Nov 11, 11 days after the deadline. Now, as a member of the Varsity Board of Directors, I can attest to the fact that the delay was due to personnel problems. The previous bookkeeper (who was fired) left things in such disorder that it took the new bookkeeper a while to straighten things out. The completion of the audit was thus delayed.

About a week and a half before the poster came out, I informed a prominent organizer of the No campaign of this. But it seems that they still insisted on implying that *the Varsity* was holding back the audit because there was something to hide.

The No campaign organizers, when you could find them, said that the reason they waged this campaign was not for political reasons but because they are dissatisfied with *the Varsity*. I only hope that those who put so much energy into the No campaign will now put an equivalent effort into thinking of suggestions and constructive criticism which will help *the Varsity* become an even better paper.

Go ahead, guys. Make my day.

Richard Gelb
At SAC

The Voice Of Satan

Something very interesting happened last week: *the Varsity* lost its referendum. This, in itself, is not surprising, *the Varsity* had lost a referendum just two short years ago. What was interesting this year was the way the two sides shaped up on the issues.

The Varsity currently receives $1.25 from each student and was asking for another $1.50 (or as some would say the price of a beer). Until the 1984/85 school year, *the Varsity* had published thrice weekly and now sought the increase in order to return to that frequency.

I think it would be safe to say that the 'Yes' side consisted of Varg staffers. On the other hand, it would be a pretty good bet to say that most 'No'-siders tended to be *newspaper* staff members and campus political hacks, or both.

. Why would these individuals want to undermine *the Varsity* ? Perhaps the most obvious group are *the newspaper* staffers. U of T, like most major metropolitan areas, has two newspapers and a healthy cross-town rivalry (which is akin to saying North and South Korea have a healthy cross-town rivalry). *the newspaper* was founded 7 years ago by a group of individuals who felt that *the Varsity* was run by godless, atheistic, communist cabal, who were 'misguided' at best. (Around this time, *the Varsity* and SAC managed to divest themselves of each other. This situation arose because of various aforementioned political 'incompatibilities'.) Feelings between the papers have never been close.

The hacks have equally strong feelings toward *the Varsity*. Some of the most rabid anti-Varg types worked on last year's unsuccessful Canning campaign for the SAC Presidency. The members of this ticket, John Canning, Gail MacDonald and Dave Stubbings all worked to defeat the referendum. It is also interesting to note that their constituencies were the ones with the greatest 'No' vote differentials (St. Mike's — 'No' by 33, Erindale — 'No' by 24, and Engineering — 'No' by 155, respectively) . Other 'No' side hacks include an individual who was recently slammed in a front page Varg story. Obviously, *the Varsity* has some powerful opponents.

Engineering voted heavily against *the Varsity*, 186 – 31. There are those who would like to ascribe this to the presence of Dave Stubbings — sorry Dave, it ain't so! Engineering voted against *the Varsity* because from frosh-hood engineers are trained to despise *the Varsity*. In recent years this training has been reinforced by an anti-engineer *Varsity*, so opposing *the Varsity* has become a conditioned reflex to a generation of engineering students. This may have been an unfortunate move, because this year *the Varsity* has reformed its ways. No matter what happens, there will be anti-Varsity Engineering types — people like Bob Seeman — who still believe that if you read *the Varsity* backwards you can hear the voice of Satan.

At SAC, the vote was pretty well split. What was amusing, however, was that several of the declared 'Yes'-siders secretly denigrated the Varg and wished it ill. In fact, this phenomenon seemed to extend to the 'foreign' (suburban) hacks as well. Many of those names you read in *the Varsity* supporting the referendum voted 'No'.

The reason for this secrecy was the percieved wrath of *the Varsity*. There is no animal more dangerous than a wounded

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is true that the idea of expanding the accounting responsibility has been discussed but with the intent of adding on to the duties that the secretary already performs. It is not possible for someone who sees and keeps a record of every bill and expense that passes through the office not to know the finances of the corporation.

Luis' comment that, in the interim, we would type our own letters and answer our own phones is a gross understatement of the job. It hasn't been easy keeping the office under control since Ella's departure. She was the one person who knew where everything was, who to call for what, what bills were to be paid, etc. There hasn't been a week where we haven't had to call her at her new job for help. As Richard Fofana mentioned in the article, she was the glue keeping the Eng Soc together.

Ella made life easier for many people by doing numerous things which they couldn't get done. I myself appreciate a summer's worth of her assistance with Orientation, even though she was not employed by the Eng Soc during the summer.

Ella left us with good memories.

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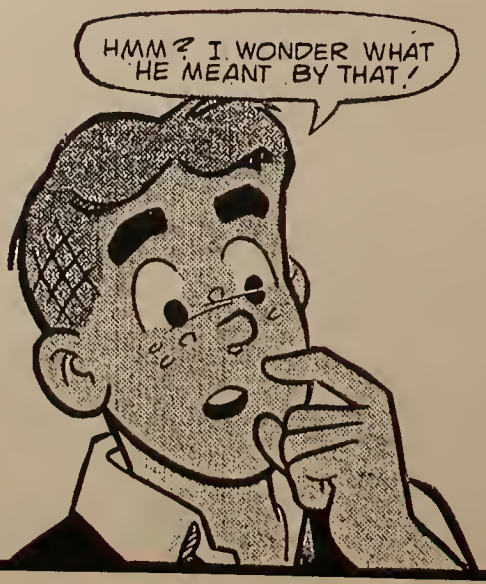
Responsible Journalism?

To the members of University College,

Thank you for coming out in droves to support the *Varsity* referendum bid. The UC contingent was by far the biggest supporter of the 'yes' campaign. Obviously UC students know the difference between the real issues and the lies propagated by the likes of Brian Burchell, John Canning and their ilk.

At the risk of going on too long about my complaints, I'll just say thanks once again. I'm glad to say I'm a UC student and not a turd from Engineering or St. Mike's.

Richard Ellis
Varsity Associate City Editor



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entertainment

Beam Me Up Scotty: Captain Kirk and Mike Scott of the Waterboys

By Paolo Dottori

It's an awful, cold, rainy Saturday afternoon and I'm watching intently as Mr. Spock spurns the undying love of a beautiful blond nymphet named Layla. Only a few minutes earlier, Spock and the rest of the crew had been under the influence of a magical spore. This floral Demerol transformed them all into purely emotional people who had no desires for progress or change, but instead were eternally happy and healthy living on a paradise planet. Imagine Spock hanging by his legs from a tree branch, kissing a giggling blond. Yes, good drugs indeed!

"Cheap, unimportant, shallow fodder," some simpletons say. "What can you expect from the entertainment medium responsible for Love Boat and TV Bloopers and Practical Jokes?" others say. Well, it's all in the words of Captain Kirk when he launches into his customary pseudo-poetic tirade to get his people back. Kirk says quite simply that man stagnates without desire and ambitions and thoughts of a grander design. He says that maybe man must be made to fight for what he believes; to scratch and claw his way to the top. And out of the musical world of 1985 comes a band and a lyricist committed to Kirk's beliefs.

Mike Scott and the Waterboys have been picked apart by most entertainment journalists and album critics over the release of their third LP, This is the Sea. Most journalists think it's hypocritical for a pop band to write and sing about big things — like the true meaning of life.

Mike rants about The Big Music again this time around but gives it new names like "The Pan Within". Mike raves, making grand statements like "Your love is like trumpets' sound". Despite the scoffs and rebuttals, he is sincerely believable and if we try hard enough, we can catch some of his energy and desire. What's wrong with a pop band trying to find some answers? There is nothing wrong with America's own Bruce S. when he cries of his dreams for a girl, a job and a white picket fence. Like him, Scott is singing the same song, but on a level just a little more general and abstract.

Listen to the album and your initial thought is that it is a great one. You lament the fact that this excellent musical offering is downgraded by Scott not really being able to sing. He sort of yells. But after a few more listens, the vocals grow on the strong musical base of the song. But how does it sound? The Scottish Waterboys follow the musical themes of the bands U2, the Alarm and Big Country — driving beat, strong big crunching sound with piano and sax accentuating it all.

Probably the most commercial track, "The Whole of the Moon", makes a fine pop tune — nothing too intricate. "Trumpets" is a beautifully melodic love song a wailing sax with Scott's vocals. The musically sparse "Spirit" brings us back to the Enterprise with its claims that "What spirit is, man can be."

One of the best albums of '85 so far, This is the Sea should be picked up and played — played often. Like our friends led by Kirk, Scott's crew is also on a voyage through space and time in search of 'something'. In the words of the immortal Captain Kirk: "We can't stroll to the musical lute, we must march to the beat of the drums".

Skinny Puppy Puts On A Bloody Good Show

By Franco Minatel

I walked into the Diamond on Nov 11 to see the band Skinny Puppy, and it was dark, just as I expected. They were featuring videos by "The Severed Heads", which basically consisted of the band's music over live footage of disasters (Hindenberg, etc.). The audience was of the standard type: clad in black, black leather, pale faced, teased hair, shaved sides; you know, the kind that will blow your typical engineering student out of his petty little textbook world.

The stage set-up looked like something out of Edgar Allan Poe's or Vincent Price's dreams. There were keyboards set up on either side of the stage, with metal gratings surrounding each. On the corners of the keyboards were mounted two skulls and in the centre of the stage were two pedestals: one with a skull on it, the other with a television. Got the picture?

Dried ice started pouring on to the stage, and through the smoke emerged the singer, looking like he was on a serious acid trip. (Quite a poor imitation, I'd have to admit). But this trip became a bit more real later on.

If you have never heard of Skinny Puppy, you're probably wondering what they sound like. The best description of their sound would be like a funky version of Alien Sex Fiend, crossed with the Swans and Einsturnzende Neubauten. In short a "death-dance band". This night, the sound was good; not too loud, clean and clear.

Now, to get on to the amazing part of the concert. The best way to describe it would be a nightmare. After the first song, the singer, Nevik Ogre, picked up a 12" by 12" mirror and started to sing to it. Halfway through the song, he threw the mirror to the ground, shattering it. At the end of the song, he took a long jagged piece of mirror and proceeded to slice through his arm. "He didn't! No! He didn't!" I kept saying. Ogre wiped blood on the TV set.

While this was going on there were videos of WWII playing in the background: tanks levelling houses, Nazis parading around, battle scenes, mass graves, children crying.

Well, since the guy's arm stopped bleeding too soon, I figured he'd faked it. I was absolutely sure he'd been faking, however, when he slit his own throat.

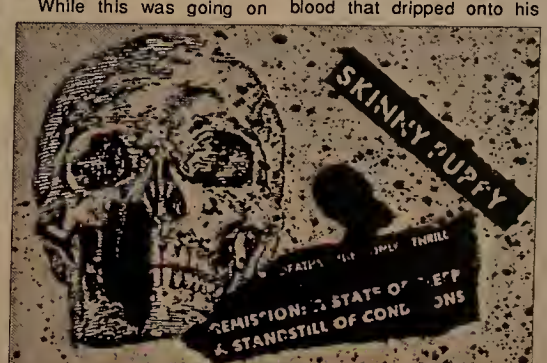
The morbid, violent tone continued throughout the concert. For instance, during another song, he held up a skull that was dripping blood. He then started to rip the skull open and finally smashed it. (A girl in front got hit in the head by a piece of skull. She wasn't pleased).

In another song, Ogre held up a face that cried tears of blood that dripped onto his own face. And later, when the band came back for the encore, Ogre was drooling blood.

Then it was over.

The audience seemed generally puzzled as they filed out. They obviously didn't know what to expect as this was Skinny Puppy's first appearance in Toronto. However, despite their confusion, everyone seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed the concert. One audience member, who asked that she only be called Kayla, summed up, "It was a great concert!"

In all, it was an A+ concert, and in my opinion everyone should go out and pick up one or all of their recordings. You'll enjoy them. You'd better, before they enjoy you!



Skule Shorts

the Cannon's pick for the entertainment value of the month had to be the great performance put on by the Skule Stage Band. All of you saving up to go to Ft. Lauderdale or Mt. Ste Anne got a fantastic premiere performance for FREE in the Atrium on Friday Nov 8. Wailing Randy Clark led the band through a good blend of numbers from Weather Report's "Birdland" to Mancini's "Pink Panther Theme". A fine bass line held the band together along with a sterling performance by baritone saxophonist John Slawek. *the Cannon* awaits, in anxious anticipation, the sure sellout performance on Con Hall. Bring a few friends to the Band's (not the BNAD's) show: surely they'll enjoy it too.

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In the love department, on Nov 8, Skule saw its first, hopefully annual Dating Game, just like the one on TV. MC Bob Seeman led the two daring bachelorettes to the selection of their dream date. About 200 love starved and demented spectators filled the SF Caf to offer their lines of encouragement to the contestants.

The final results were: Heidi Hergit vs. Tony 'O' Kasper in a best 2 of 3 falls steel-cage bout and Ann McPhee vs. Paul "Puppy-Dog" Hamel in a match of couch rugby.

If you happen to see Daniela Duriavig, please congratulate her on a job very well done; the event was a smash success!

Also, Jim Perry and Alex Trebek, watch out! Here comes Bob Seeman!

Satan Continued

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Varsity. It is for this reason that the 'leader' of the 'No' side did not emerge. Already one of my hack friends with 'aspirations on campus' has been threatened by a high-ranking *Varsity* staffer. It is a shame that the Varg should return so quickly to its old ways, especially since *the Varsity* has held its own with *the newspaper* this year, under the tutelage of Marg Webb.

The sad thing is that *the Varsity* at present does not adequately cover events on campus, and a third paper a week would have alleviated this problem. Last year, *the newspaper*, with only one issue a week, covered the events on campus better than *the Varsity*'s two issues. This year *the Varsity* has improved and it might have been able to provide so much more. We'll never know.....

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Off The Record..... an unnamed SAC presidential aspirate with a neo-Kennedy accent stated that he wondered "what the value of $1.25 would be in the year 2000". This has been ascertained by me to be $0.27 .

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More Letters

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It was sad that we gave her such an unappreciative send-off.

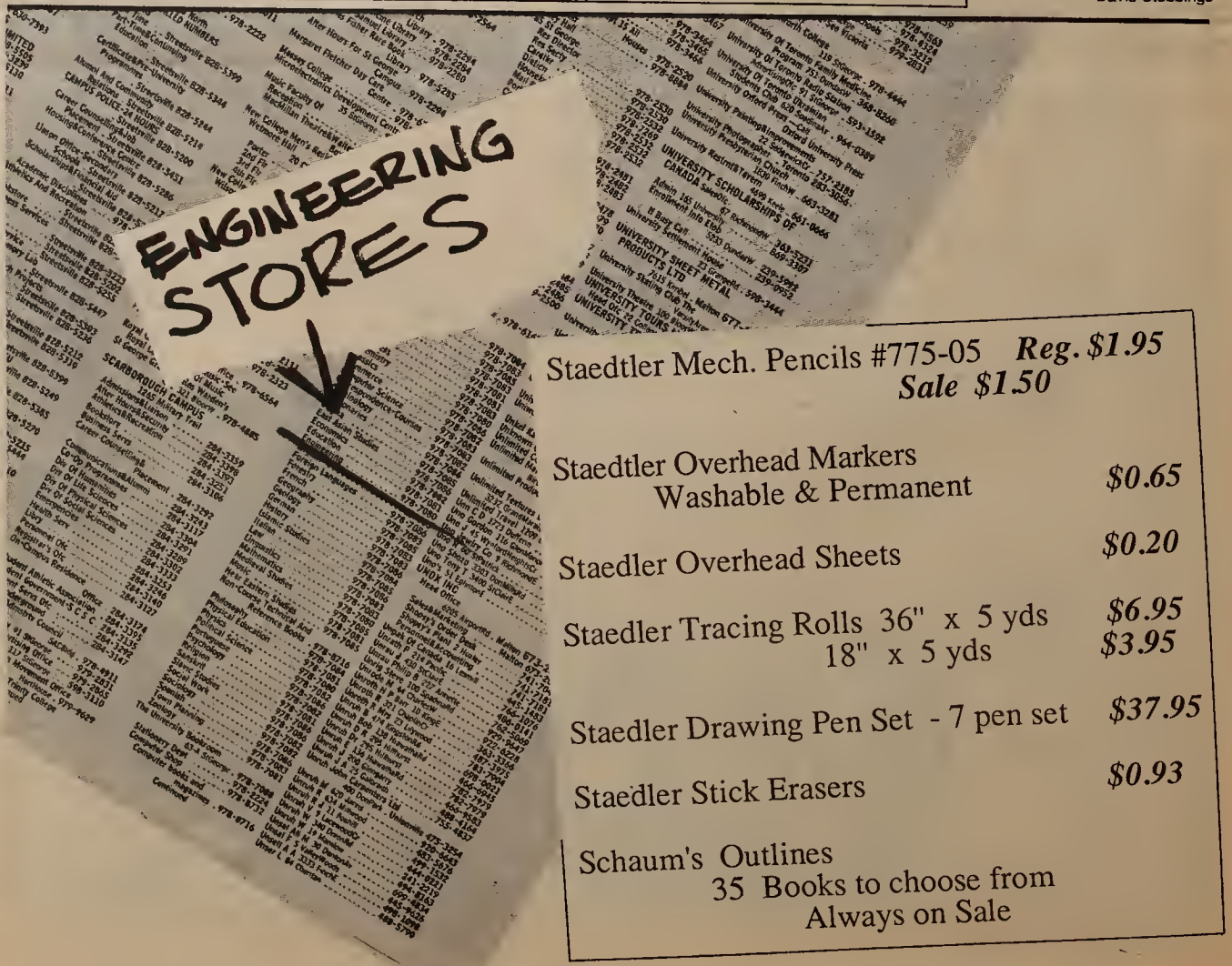
Kim Hollings
VP Activities

Stubbings Mellows

Since the last Varsity referendum, there has been a lot of unsubstantiated comments coming from members of the "Yes" campaign. It is my hope we can put all this behind us and all aid in maintaining what may well be the most impressive campus network of student newspapers in North America. Every student at this university has the opportunity to involve him or herself in any aspect of newspaper journalism.

The Varsity should now look at the results of the referendum and maybe see some of the mistakes it has made in the past. Still not forgotten in engineering is the homophobic beer toting image painted by editors a mere two years ago. It is therefore distressing that Mr. Ellis, Varsity Associate City Editor is following old ways. Until the attitudes of these individuals change, they can expect engineering students to consistantly turn them down for a fee increase.

David Stubbings



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Delegate Report

APEO CONFERENCE DELEGATE REPORT

This year's APEO student conference was held at McMaster University, Hamilton, Oct 31, 1985. The theme: "Ontario's future in high technology" was emphasized at every event. Here are summaries of some of the events.

Opening Speech by APEO Delegate

Speaker: Mr Grant Boundy, Deputy Registrar

Mr Boundy spoke of the APEO association and engineering ethics. He pointed out that most problems in practice are due to failure in communication. The film "The Truesteel Affair" was then shown and discussed. The most important point was that the responsibilities, respect and reputation of an engineer are very fragile. The practising engineer cannot be allowed to be compromised — the Code of Ethics must be followed. In the final analysis, one must be prepared to lose one's job.

Tour/Seminar at CIM

Speakers: Chris Wilson, Marketing Manager
John Body, Applications Manager
Peter Urban, President

International competitors are beginning to advance beyond our scope, because only 20% of Canadian manufacturers employ engineers. Speed, flexibility, machine intelligence and integration all need to be improved by at least one order of magnitude, two orders of magnitude in some areas. Our manufacturing processes, not projects, must be clearly stated and rebuilt from a common foundation if we are to survive. They are already doing it, we must too!

Liability Considerations for Engineers

Speaker: Mr Tubikene, Corporate Lawyer, Stelco

There are two categories of liability: (1) under tort, or negligence, and (2) under contract (warranty obligations, breech of contract, fundamental breech of contract). Ultimately, there is no limit to exposure.

High Technology: Are We Heading in the Right Direction?

Speaker: Bob Hudspith, McMaster Professor

After 1 and a half hours of presenting his controversial topic, absolutely no one knew what he was talking about. (Luckily I took notes!) Basically it goes like this:

Forming the right questions is more important than finding the answers:

1) Is high technology a criteria that becomes an unnecessary constraint?
2) Is high technology a sophisticated technological fix?
3) Does high technology effect our ability to control technological changes?

The question to be considered is: Are engineers in a position to answer these questions? Instead of finding solutions we should present alternatives and let our clients, the government, or the general public choose for themselves which alternative they should pursue.

CCAM Dinner

Speaker: Mr. Dave Hogg, Ontario Centre for Advanced Manufacturing

Canada is lagging behind others in implementing computer technology in the workplace. Only 7-8% of the manufacturers who should use CAD/CAM actually do. Of the 15,000 plus manufacturers in Canada, 90% of them are small to medium-sized. In these companies there is usually only one person who is the driving force behind that company's success. Unfortunately he/she doesn't usually know what they are doing right. It is up to us, the new generation of engineers, to take the technology off the shelves and implement IT in a usable and understandable form and to develop the manufacturer's trust in this new technology.

High Technology in Product Implementation

Speaker: Mr. Ted Tuff, Manager of Engineers, Otis Elevators

Mr. Tuff described the history of the development of Otis Elevators in great depth. In the first 65 years, elevators were powered by manual labour. In the next 35 years they were powered by electromechanical devices. Then came solid state; this are lasted 15 years. Finally, in the past 5 years or so, microprocessors are researched. The elevators of the future will definitely be powered and controlled by computers.

Innovation of High Technology

Speaker: Mr. Gary Svoboda, CIIC/W

The Canadian industrial innovation centre is an organization which helps inventors to commercialize their ideas and inventions. Consultation is available for both high and low tech ideas and inventions. Of the five to six hundred inventions the CIIC processes in a given year, only 2-3% actually make it to the market. Even then, half of them will fail. This is a very small number for success, however the evaluation process does save the inventor a lot of headache in the areas of idea evaluation, market analysis, patents, prototype development, and finance (seeking sponsors or guides to raising funds), and so forth. It is certainly well looking into if you have an idea.

Dinner sponsored by Spar Aerospace

Speaker: Mr. Christopher Trump, Vice President of Spar Aerospace

Mr. Trump reminded us that Canada's role in space technology will be decided within the next few weeks,and what major, or minor, role we should take in the star wars research. The only useful point he make can be applied to any entrpreneurial enterprise: in order to develop technological breakthroughs you will have to gamble heavily both financially and your reputation. As an example: painting the name 'Canaderm' in plain view of the space shuttle's camera. If the arm had not worked, not only will mega-bucks be flushed down the drain, but Canada would have been publically humiliated worldwide. Fortunately, it worked and Canada was, for a while, put in the forefront of space technology.

Other Events

Engineering Open House - First one in ten years, next one planned for 1987

Nuclear Reactor Tour - OK

Tour of DeFasco Plant - Very interesting, size of operation has to be seen to be believed

Speech on robotics by Mr. Gerhard Kasprowicz of Westinghouse - to put it very politely - a real snooze!

Hsi Chi
Talks Coordinator
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sports

Skule Sports: Mud, Sweat and Tears

By Carol Low
EAA Publicity Director

Look up from those midterms, it's time for the Skule sports report!

Most of our teams have ended their fall seasons, with the exception of those which made the playoffs. Although participation in fall athletics was enthusiastic, only the Men's Rugby and Lacrosse teams managed to make the playoffs. However, some potential championship teams will be playing in the winter season. The Men's and Women's Ice Hockey and Volleyball teams all are quite strong this year. Good luck to all our athletes in there quest for victory!

Our first tournament was a success thanks to the many touch football participants and especially to Tournaments Director, Dieter Gamm. Congratulations to the champions, CheMech8T6 and the finalists, Elec8T7 Desperados. Future comments and ideas for other tournaments are always welcome; address them to Dieter. (Yes, Dieter, you have a mailbox in Eng. Soc.!)

For fun and recreation, why not play co-ed basketball? Get 3 girls and 3 guys, think of a team name, and voila, you have a co-ed basketball team! Games will be played next term (against other colleges and faculties), but you must enter your team by Nov. 18, 1985. Simply leave a note and a list of players' names and phone numbers in the "Co-ed Commissioner" mailbox in Eng Soc (SF B670). Address your note to Andrea Tiefenbeck and she will sign-up your team. Alternatively, you can personally submit your team list at the entry meeting at noon on Monday Nov. 18, 1985. The meeting will be held in the board room (3rd floor) of the Benson Building (next to the Athletic Centre).

The following reports, submitted by our various commissioners, update the play of the various sports teams.

Touch football Tournament

On Saturday Oct. 5, the EAA Touch Football Tournament was held with 16 teams entered. From the start, it was apparent that it would be primarily a two team tournament, with CheMech 8T6 and Elec 8T7 Desperados demolishing all those who stood in their way. These two teams met in a thrilling final that required overtime to determine the champions. Through the crisp passing from the arms of Mike Vassalo and John Ceko to the Riddlers(?) Neal Weir and Glen Watson, CheMech triumphed 32-26. Many thanks to all who helped out with the refereeing, and also to Heather from John.

—Dieter Gamm

Women's Athletics

Flag Football

The valiant Skulewomen recorded a .500 season but just barely missed the playoffs. It was an interesting year since most of the time we were battling the elements as well as our opponents. Playing games at 8:00 am. was not enough to test our perserverance; we had to choose cold, rainy days where we could slide around in the mud. We managed to finally overcome the elements in our best and final game of the season. Pouring rain made our field one big mud puddle, but both our offence and defence seemed to excel under the conditions. Led by crisp passes by Shaunagh McPharland and non-swat receiving by Linda Tremblay, we played in the opponent's end for most of the game. Our opponents could not manage a single point against our aggressive defence. With an exciting touchdown by Alex Cattelan, we ended the game drenched and mud-covered, but victorious. Although we didn't make the playoffs, we celebrated our 3-3 record with a very enjoyable team dinner. Much thanks to Peter Wilcox and Richard Romano for fun-filled mornings! Their patience, enthusiasm, and coaching made playing, even in the mud, enjoyable!

—Carol Low

Soccer

This Engineering team has a lot of reasons to be proud. Having never practised or played together as a team, they won 1, tied 4, and lost only 2 games.

During midterms, 8 of our players showed up for a 7:20 am. game and beat Meds. 2-0. Barb Smith scored both goals and Gabe Kauffman assisted on both of them. The team owed much success to goalie, Alex Cattelan, who through rain, frost and injured fingers, kept balls out of the net. Near season's end, great improvements in both the offence and defence left Alex alone in her net with only the seagulls for company. Sorry Alex, but we liked it that way!

—Helen Paras

Inner Tube Waterpolo

The innertube waterpolo team ended its season with a win over Victoria College. Our team record was 2 wins and 4 losses for the season. Despite the strategy mastered in the last game, it was not enough to earn a playoff position. The enthusiasm the team displayed was awesome and everyone is looking forward to next year's season!

—Debbie Yanchula

Men's Athletics

Tackle Football

Considering the fact that 21 of our 29 players were rookies, the season could definitely be labelled a "rebuilding" year for the usually successful, and sometimes awesome, Skule football team. Playing in Division I, the team finished the season humbly, but not discouraged, with a 0-5 record. Despite this record, there were several bright spots on the team, including four all-stars: Loui Pappas; Tom Slokar; Gus Yantsis; and Alex Wong. Much thanks must go to these people for their great efforts on and off the field. Special thanks also to the new coaching staff: Richard Romano (Eng Sci 8T8); Tim Jones (Geo 8T5); and Peter Baxter(OFSSAA), and team trainer, Judy (Don't women have last names? -Eds.). With much of the team expected to return for next season, we can only get better!

P.S. The first anual Interfaculty Football All-Star game between Division I (Skule, SMC, PHE, Scar, Erin, Vic) and Division II (Innis/U, New, Meds, Dents, Forestry, Trinity) is scheduled for Nov. 21, 1985 at 1 pm. at Varsity Stadium.

—Tony Ponzo

Basketball

This years teams are off an' flyin' in the intramural league Good player turnout has resulted in the formation of 3 men's teams, Division I, II, and III. All teams have fared well in league play and are now preparing for the upcoming playoffs. Come out and see exciting action! Fan support is most welcome!

—Brian Lemay

Lacrosse

The Men's Lacrosse team was very successful this year. Many of the games were played with only 5 players (no subs), but we managed to tie for third place overall in the 7 team league. This placing put us in Division II semi-final action against Victoria College. The game played last Wednesday, was a tight, close-fought game. With our best showing of team play for the season, we outscored Vic 8-7 to emerge victorious! We now move on to the final vs. Meds, which will be held on Tuesday Nov. 12 at 9:00 pm, in Hart House lower gym. Hopefully, the next report will be from the league champs.

—Joe Paridi

Hockey

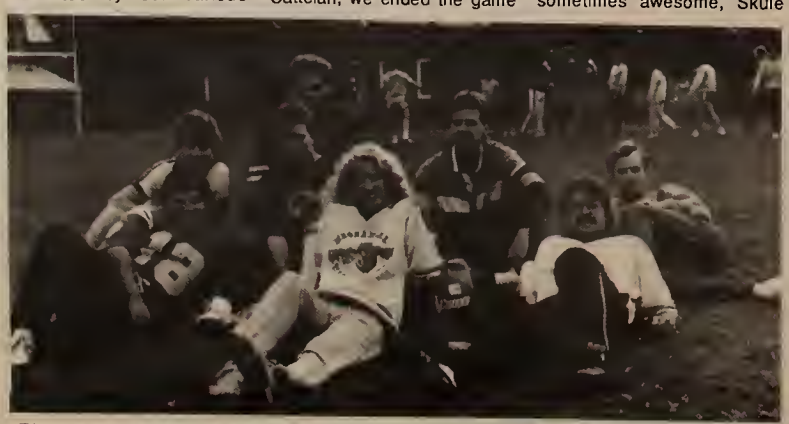
Engineering has entered two teams for intramural Ice Hockey action. Under coach Tom Chesser, both teams are enjoying winning records.

The Engineering A team (Div I) is having a formidable year! With a record of 4-0-1 the team has outscored the opposition 28-11. Wins over Phys Ed and St Mikes by 9-3 an 9-2 displayed awesome offence from the team. Our top scorers include Tom Chesser, Mike Flaherty and Tom Selby who are linemates. Goalie Tony Natalie had an excellent game in a 1-1 tie with Scarborough. The team, as a whole, has been playing excellent hockey. Special mention goes to Jamie Hidi, Paul Hamel, Ed Strohs and John Thorpe for their efforts.

The Division II team, Engineering B, is also playing above .500. Led by top scorers Dave Ito and Dave Varriano, and good goaltending from Al Koivu and Jon Douglas, the team has a 3-2-1 record. Mauro Facca has consistantly put out a good effort.

Fans are always welcome and appreciated. Come out and see some exciting hockey!

—Tom Chesser



EAA Touch Football Champs: CHEMECH '86

Skule R.F.C. Excels in '85

By Mike Stevenson

Deja Vu — no not what that French girl you met at last weeks fraternity party whils you were being sick in her elegant bathroom, but rather "already seen" as in a repeat of something that has already happened. In this case an Engineering vs. Medicine final.

Last year a try in the dying seconds of the game gave Skule their first Championship in 7 years. This year the lads are trying to repeat and once again find themselves facing Medicine, a team who has the advantage of being able to administer first aid to each other at halftime.

Let's pick up the story where we left it: somewhere between a beer at the Arbor Room, some unwashed kit (pheeew!), and Nick's prenatal classes (with his wife! you abusive cretin). The Skule Rugby Football Club started slowly and were 2-1 after 3 games thanks to 2 narrow victories. Game 4 was against a Trinity side that had recently won the inaugural interfac 7's championship (with the aid of Marc Sungaila). The game was close until a fine run down the wing for a try by Mike Allen sealed a 10-4 victory for the Blue and Gold.

Game 5 brought forth undefeated Vic (the preppiest team on campus). The end result was a 9-all tie thanks to the left foot (recently insured for mucho $) of Glyn Jones, who had 2 drop goals and a penalty kick. Unfortunately, a certain Mr. P. Adebar esq. was asked to spend the second half of the game chatting up Vic college girls on the sidelines due to illegal use of his head (PhD students always use their heads too much anyway).

The final game of the regular season was an enjoyable romp against UC with Engineering winning 26-0 on trys by Mario "I calculate the angles will let me score" Martins, Paul "Puppy" Hamel, Wayne "Iwam not on bennies amoto", Joe "big rookie" Morello, Glyn "brother of Ian Q" Jones and miscellaneous kicks by the aforementioned insured foot.

With regular season over, Skule's record stood at 4 wins 1 tie and 1 loss, giving the team (after some teleconferencing by the Dept. of Athletics and Recreation) 2nd place and saving them from a fate worse than death: a semi-final trip to Erindale and a continental breakfast with the Erindale coach.

Medicine proceeded to rise from the depths of 4th place to demolish Erindale twice in four days by a total of 51 points to 6. Thus all engineers living east of Carling Bassetts dude ranch were spared any contact with the ever-friendly Mississauga transit. Friday came and with it a rematch against still undefeated Vic. Their team was stronger with the addition of players from both the Blues Varsity and Club sides. They were, however, still only able to score 1 unconverted try and the expensive foot came through again with 6 points, giving Engineering a 6-4 victory and a second consecutive berth in the interfac final.

This year's team has recieved contributions from no less than 24 players on different occasions. Several old faces will be graduating this year, leaving lads like Wayne Iwamoto, Ted Maulucci, Martin Mintz, Alex Wong, Rob Gibicar and Joe Morello to carry the name of Skule to future victories.

Special congratulations go to Rod Williams, who has done a great job playing scrum half after moving from inside centre, to Paul Hamel and Greg Dow, who have been converted to backs after spending years wallowing in the mentally deficient chasm of the pack, and to Nick Stevens, who came all the way from Australia to become a Toronto hooker.

Special and sincere apologies go to players who were not asked to play as much or as often as they would have liked. With only 12 players on the field and more than 20 on the team, inevitably someone fells left out. The depth of this team, especially in the forwards, was one of its great strengths. For those returning there will be many positions opening up next year. For those graduating, thank you for your efforts and good luck in all your future rugby.

IT IS NOT TRUE: Paul Vaarsi has a twin brother in an iron mask somewhere in France.

IT MAY BE TRUE: Small cars on campus became able to move by themselves if you drink enough beers on Friday night.

IT IS TRUE: Peter Watler eats approximately 6000 calories a day. Ted Maulucci sleeps fully clothed and does not enjoy being stripped (even by your girlfriend).

P.S. Who was that really cute girl who just went by whistling, "That's when I met him.....Leader of the Pack"?

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"Don't have any hotcakes either," said the bear. "This is lunch, doncha know." Fine, I said. Get me a Grizzly Beer and a toasted chicken sandwich. Hold the mayo, hold the lettuce, hold the chicken. Smilin', the bear said, "Where should I hold it?" Well, to make a long story short, the bear brought the Grizzly. And we struck up a friendship. 'Cause he had a sense of humour, you see. Holdin' all that chicken and lettuce in the place he was holdin' it.

Grizzly. Paw yourself a smooth one.